

Regula	Sherwood	Thurman
Reyes	Shimkus	Tiahrt
Reynolds	Shows	Tierney
Riley	Shuster	Toomey
Rivers	Simpson	Towns
Rodriguez	Sisisky	Trafigant
Roemer	Skeen	Turner
Rogers	Skelton	Udall (CO)
Rohrabacher	Slaughter	Upton
Ros-Lehtinen	Smith (MI)	Velázquez
Rothman	Smith (NJ)	Vitter
Roukema	Smith (TX)	Walden
Roybal-Allard	Smith (WA)	Walsh
Royce	Snyder	Wamp
Rush	Souder	Watkins
Ryan (WI)	Spence	Watt (NC)
Ryun (KS)	Spratt	Watts (OK)
Salmon	Stabenow	Waxman
Sanchez	Stark	Weiner
Sanders	Stearns	Weldon (FL)
Sandlin	Stenholm	Weldon (PA)
Sawyer	Stump	Wexler
Saxton	Stupak	Weygand
Scarborough	Sununu	Whitfield
Schakowsky	Talent	Wilson
Scott	Tanner	Wise
Sensenbrenner	Tauscher	Wolf
Serrano	Tauzin	Woolsey
Sessions	Taylor (MS)	Wu
Shadegg	Terry	Wynn
Shaw	Thomas	Young (AK)
Shays	Thornberry	Young (FL)
Sherman	Thune	

## NOES—33

Bilbray	Hastings (FL)	Schaffer
Borski	Hefley	Strickland
Brady (PA)	Hilleary	Sweeney
Coburn	Hilliard	Taylor (NC)
Costello	LoBiondo	Thompson (CA)
Dickey	McDermott	Thompson (MS)
English	Peterson (MN)	Udall (NM)
Filner	Pickett	Viscosky
Ford	Ramstad	Waters
Gibbons	Rogan	Weller
Gutknecht	Sabo	Wicker

## ANSWERED "PRESENT"—2

Carson	Tancredo
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## NOT VOTING—24

Baird	DeFazio	McCollum
Blunt	Gephardt	McKinney
Bonior	Graham	Oxley
Brown (OH)	Green (WI)	Pascrell
Callahan	Hall (TX)	Pelosi
Campbell	Hinojosa	Radanovich
Capps	Kasich	Sanford
Clay	Lowey	Vento

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So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was not present for roll call votes Nos. 19, 20 and 21 because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on all counts.

## TRIBUTE TO SUSAN B. ANTHONY

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, 188 years after her birth, Susan B. Anthony is still remembered as a prominent and influential figure in our Nation's history.

One of the greatest foremothers in the drive for women's rights, she became a leader in the fight for equal rights for all.

Mr. Speaker, today marks the anniversary of Susan B. Anthony's birth. We know her as a fierce opponent of slavery, who also championed to protect the rights of those who today have become the most dispossessed in our society, the unborn.

Susan B. Anthony considered one of her greatest achievements to have saved the lives of the unborn. She said "sweeter ever than to have had the joy of caring for children of my own has it been to help bring about a better state of things for mothers generally, so that their unborn little ones could not be willed away from them."

To Susan B. Anthony, as well as all the early suffragists, the rights of unborn children could never and should never have been separated from the promotion of women's rights.

As today marks the 180th anniversary of her birth, I ask that we remember her efforts to secure equality for all and to rededicate ourselves to her life's work of guaranteeing full rights for both women and their unborn children.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE REV. DR.  
ALBERT T. ROWAN

(Mrs. JONES of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, Valentine's Day, in the Eleventh Congressional District of Ohio, we hosted the homegoing celebration of the Reverend Dr. Albert T. Rowan, one of the religious giants in the faith community and on the national level. Dr. Rowan had served as the pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, my church home, for more than 34 years.

Dr. Rowan and his life partner and best friend, Mrs. Carrie Mae Rowan, were married for 52 years, the proud parents of five children, 11 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. The homegoing ceremony was a joyous ceremony, exemplifying the happy lifestyle that Dr. Rowan lived.

I was particularly blessed because Dr. Rowan had been my pastor since I was 13 years of age. He celebrated my high school, college and law school graduation, my marriage, my first election as a judge, the birth and christening of my son, and my subsequent elections as judge, prosecutor and Congresswoman. I will always remember how he encouraged me to keep going and how he fostered my growth as a Christian woman, wife, mother, and leader. I will always be deeply indebted to Dr. Rowan.

The celebration was particularly moving because Reverend Dr. Stephen Rowan, the son of Dr. Albert T. Rowan, delivered the eulogy. What greater testament to a father, than to have his son eulogize his life.

Seventy-two years ago, in Kansas City, Missouri a bright star entered into the lives of the

family of Albert and Florence Rowan their son Albert T. Rowan. Throughout his life he would bring comfort and joy to those whose lives he touched.

Dr. Albert T. Rowan was educated in the Kansas City public schools and held a Bachelor Degree in Religious Education and Theology, a Master of Divinity Degree in Pastoral Psychology and Counseling and the Doctor of Divinity Degree. For more than thirty-four years Rev. Rowan served as shepherd to the flock at Bethany Baptist Church. Under his prayerful leadership Bethany continued providing spiritual guidance to its expanding congregation and also developed new spiritual and community programming including: New Missionary Groups; 8:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. worship services; Youth Seminars; a fast growing credit union; and a Head Start school.

Rev. Rowan loved people. He had the ability to inspire diverse groups to work together for worthy causes. He worked in behalf of many organizations including: The Ministerial Head Start Assoc.; The National Baptist Convention; the Interchurch Council of Greater Cleveland; The Cleveland City Planning Commission; the Ohio State Martin Luther King Commission; and the Minority Organ Tissue Education program.

From the pulpit Rev. Rowan often jokingly reminisced about his courtship and his marriage to his life partner and best friend, his bride of fifty-two years, Carrie Mae McBride Rowan. They were blessed with a large and loving family including their children and spouses: Richard and Virginia Rowan, Brenda and Larry Moore, Stephen and Cynthia Rowan, Allana and Elijah Wheeler, and Allan Christopher and Marshara Rowan; eleven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Rev. Rowan also had five sisters and brothers, two who predeceased him.

Rev. Rowan was instrumental in shaping my life from the age of 13 years. He played a major part in my development as a young person, as a parent and as a public figure. He kept me grounded and was always there for me. He will live on in my life because of who he helped me become, both personally and professionally.

On behalf of the Congress of the United States of America and the citizens of the 11th Congressional District, Ohio, I express our gratitude to Rev. Albert T. Rowan for all of his efforts to nourish the hearts and improve the lives of his fellow man. On behalf of my entire family I extend condolences and love to Mrs. Rowan, the family and friends.

## SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. OSE). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

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HEATING OIL CRISIS IN  
NORTHEAST

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maine (Mr. BALDACCIO) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BALDACCI. Mr. Speaker, today in the Northeast, we are confronted with a heating oil crisis of epic proportions. We have seen the price of petroleum skyrocket 166 percent over the course of a year. The diesel fuel that is required in order to move goods from one end of the State to the markets in Boston and New York has gone over \$2 a gallon. There are potatoes in storage of the current crop. It is estimated that there are 16,000 per hundredweight that were cultivated and grown and that are in storage and 13,000 of them are still there, unable to be moved to market, and if they are forced to stay there, the United States Government, the United States Department of Agriculture will have to pick up the tab. We have many sectors of the economy that we have seen a negative impact. Airline ticket prices have had surcharges. There have been traffic and tourism and economic development that has not taken place because of the higher fuel cost. We had a meeting last week with the Secretary of Energy in the Longworth House Office Building where over 40 Members, Democratic and Republican and Independent, all voiced the concerns of the citizens and the constituents that we all represent to the Secretary that the action of the administration was not sufficient given the crisis that was confronting people.

In my State of Maine, we are confronted with double hardships, because in our State which is 36th in per capita wage income, where people have a hard time making ends meet, anyway, have very few dollars for disposable income. Yet they have seen their oil bills double and triple. Maine's older population, they are a poorer population, they are living in a rural area that depend upon fuel and utilities to be able to stay warm, to be able to make sure that they are getting their goods and medicine, and to be forced to be choosing between fuel, food and medications is a triple hardship for these people.

We have been asking for a concerted effort, a comprehensive approach to this situation here with the Federal Energy Secretary Richardson who is coming to Maine and to Boston tomorrow as part of an energy summit. We are asking the President to engage in strong diplomacy with OPEC and non-OPEC states, because within our region of the country, most of the petroleum and the distiller products which they refer to end up coming from the Gulf Coast region of the country into the Northeast region. But we still have petroleum products that are coming in from Venezuela, from the Virgin Islands and from Canada. It is important for this administration to be making sure that that fuel is getting into the market and that the prices are stabilized or decreasing. We are recognizing that even Iraq is withholding oil from the energy mix just to penalize people during this very difficult time.

When we have aided the countries of Mexico and Venezuela and other countries, Saudi Arabia, we have aided them in their times of need, we are asking the President and the Secretary of Energy to engage in strong measures to make sure that those countries recognize that we need them to increase the output. We are looking at gasoline prices being at record levels. Tourist season is down the road and one of the largest industries in our region of the country and we are going to see this negatively impacted.

As a matter of reference, there was testimony today before the Transportation appropriations subcommittee that because of the higher prices of fuel, we are seeing a decline in automobile and truck traffic and we are seeing a negative impact on our surface transportation dollars that were gauged for a certain amount of activity, we are seeing a negative impact. We have seen a negative impact on agriculture estimated by the United States Department of Agriculture, \$1 billion of lost farm income because of the circumstances here that we are looking at with these higher costs that have to be borne by the farmers. We are seeing it going across the board.

I recognize that there may be some regions of the country that are not experiencing these higher prices. But I also recognize that we have the impact that goes across the board. One thing has always been certain here in Congress, when one part of the country has been hurting, we all stand together because at other times through our country's history in the last years, we have seen these impacts throughout the country on a national basis with emergencies and disasters.

We are asking for comprehensive legislation with these special orders, we are asking for action on the part of the administration so that people do not have to be victimized in the Northeast again.

#### LIVE FIRE MILITARY TRAINING ON PUERTO RICAN ISLAND

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, a tragedy has recently occurred in the defense of our Nation and the protection of the men and women who serve in its defense. Specifically, we sent our USS Bataan Amphibious Ready Group, with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit embarked, into a high threat area without the proper training and instruction required. The frustrating point about it was the training was available, planned and scheduled. But due to political considerations, it was canceled, leaving our Marines and sailors vulnerable and frankly unprepared.

I am speaking about Vieques, a tiny island that is part of the Common-

wealth of Puerto Rico that the Department of the Navy has been using since 1950 as a live fire bombing range. The range provides the ability for the Navy and Marine Corps to conduct simulated amphibious landing operations while using combined arms of artillery, naval gunfire, and close air support. It serves as the culminating exercise for a series of workups that the ARG goes through prior to deploying to the Mediterranean for a 6-month cruise. Vieques is a unique training site. It is the only facility on the East Coast with unfettered air and sea space, deep water access, amphibious landing beaches, nearby military ports and airfields, and the capability to support live naval gunfire operations. Additionally, it allows the Navy and Marine Corps to conduct amphibious combined arms training, Naval surface fire support training, end-to-end strike training and high altitude air tactics. Our Marines and sailors are combat ready for all contingencies because of the realistic live fire training afforded by Vieques. The current situation on Vieques where the President ordered a cease to all operations on the range initially and has since worked out a "deal" with the Governor of Puerto Rico where inert ordnance vice live ordnance will be used turns this into a readiness issue. If our Marines and sailors cannot train, they will not be ready. We send them to hostile areas to protect a presence, show the flag, with the understanding that if crises should arise, they will be prepared to quell it. I am here to report that we have dictated a mission that cannot be accomplished. Yet the solution is simple. Open the Vieques range to live fire bombing, naval gunfire, and artillery.

We allow live fire bombing in nearly every State of the union. Why would we stop bombing a commonwealth when bombs continue to be dropped and rounds fired in Utah, Nevada, California, Florida and other places? Might I add that these bombs and rounds are fired in closer proximity to our civilian population, more so than on Vieques where there is a 10-mile buffer zone. The reason, I guess, is because there are no votes to be garnered by the Puerto Rican population in New York for not bombing those States. Think of the precedent we now set by compromising with officials from Puerto Rico. Closing Vieques could set off a host of issues in other countries as well as our own States where we currently conduct training. The net result is having a military that can put rounds on target in theory only. Without practical application, we put our forces in harm's way without even sending them to hostile areas. I do not think we should stand by and jeopardize our servicemen for someone else's political gain.

There is no compromise when it comes to reopening Vieques. Opening the range as proposed for inert ordnance is not practical. More can be